

## A Child Wife

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The daughters of all good families in India must be married. It would be a public disgrace as well as a crime against the Hindoo religion for an Indian family of good rank to keep a daughter unmarried. Since it is difficult for their parents to find husbands for them the daughters are made away with. Those of high birth, called rajpoots, are put to death by men especially employed to do so. The British government having passed laws against these murders, the parents of those girls who have not found husbands have resorted to a method of marrying them in name, though not in fact. There are a number of Brahmins, old and decrepit, called Kullian Brahmins, who go about with the object of hiring themselves out to go through the ceremony of the "seven steps" with young girls upon being paid for doing so. After marriage they leave the country and never see their young wives again.

In Allahabad there lived one of these rajpoot men who had a daughter over twelve years old.

In the next house lived another family, in which there was one son, aged eighteen. The two children had been brought up together, and their childish friendship had grown into love. The parents of the youth were very proud of him and destined him to marry some girl who should be not only of high caste, but whose parents would be able to bestow on her great wealth.

One evening after it was dark he was walking in the compound garden about his father's house when he heard a low call from the compound of the next house. Going to the fence, he descried the crouching figure of his sweetheart, evidently suffering from some great misfortune.

"What is it, dear girl?" he said, springing over the fence and taking her in his arms.

"I am to die."

"To die?"

"Yes. Today a man—a horrible looking man—came to the house and talked with my father. I had been told to go on an errand, doubtless that I should be away at the time and not hear what passed between my father and this man. But I had not yet gone. I have been suspecting that, not being married, I would soon be made away with in some fashion, though father and mother have tried to keep the awful knowledge from me. So when I saw this frightful creature come to the house I concealed myself behind a bamboo screen and heard every word."

She gave way to her feeling and was unable to proceed. Her lover kissed her again and again, begging her to tell him all.

"My father bargained with the man for a hundred rupees to strangle me."

"When—where?"

"Tomorrow night father is to take me out for a walk by the river, when this man is to come upon us suddenly as if to rob, seize me and after he has killed me throw my body into the river."

The agony of the youth was equal to that of the girl. Both knew that their separation and her death were not to be prevented. It would be of no avail for her to refuse to go to walk with her father or to try in any way to escape her fate. The young man dare not disobey the commands of his parents. Should he fly with the girl the sleuths of the Indian police would follow and surely capture them. They spent what time that remained for them together, not laying plans to prevent the calamity, but weeping in each other's arms. At last the girl heard her mother calling her, and after one clinging embrace she ran into the house.

The next afternoon an old man leaning heavily on his staff stopped at the house and asked for a bit of bread and a little wine. The girl, who was to die that night—knowing the secret, though her parents were not aware that she knew it—went to the cupboard by her father's order and brought the refreshment.

"Is your daughter married?" asked the visitor.

"No," replied her father. "We have no husband for her."

"But you cannot keep a girl like that longer. Our religion forbids."

"No," whispered the father; "we shall not keep her longer."

The look that accompanied the words was not lost on the old man.

"How much will you give me to marry her?"

"You are a Kullian?"

"I am."

"I will gladly give you your price if it be not too much."

"What say you to a hundred rupees?"

"I will give it gladly."

The girl was listening, and hope sprang up in her heart. She tottered near till she saw her father count out the money to the old man and then swooned.

When she came to herself she was told that she was to be married to the visitor. Death, which had been so near, seemed worse to her than living in separation from her lover, and she gladly went with her father and the old man that the ceremony should be performed. After it was ended the husband went away, and it was understood that he was never to return.

From that day the young lover was missed. Long after his love received from him the means to take her to America. He and the old husband were one.

## SCOUR SEAS FOR NAVAL TUG NINA

Now Believed Entire Crew Perished In Gale.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 14.—The naval tug Nina, which left the Norfolk navy yard for Boston a week ago, is still missing. The battleship Louisiana and the cruiser Birmingham, which were dispatched from the Norfolk navy yard to join in the search for her, have been heard from by wireless. Both vessels are proceeding carefully over that portion of the route of the tug which was assigned to them to search.

No one familiar with the navigation of the seas entertains much hope that the tug is still afloat, and the chances of the rescue of the crew by some other vessel are minimized by the fact that a vessel of the type of the Nina in foundering would go down quickly, and likely without much warning.

### Her Proof.

"Why," asked the judge, "do you think your husband is dead? You say you haven't heard from him for more than a year. Do you consider that reasonable proof that he has passed out of existence?"

"Yes, your honor. If he was still alive he'd be asking me to send him money."

## SHORT LOCALS

Butter, 28c; eggs, 28c.

Mrs. J. J. Feeney and son, Carl, of East Front street, are improving after a severe attack of illness.

Mr. Edison Breese is confined to his home on North McKenzie street by a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Minnie Blair of Academia has accepted a position with Mr. George C. Vail in the N. C. R. office.

Come! Come! Attend the administrator sale for bargains at Back's furniture store, West Gambler St. if Miss Jennie Michael of Coshocton spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guest of Miss Emma Waddell.

Mr. George Burris of Monroe Mills, who has for the past several days been very ill, is greatly improved.

Mr. George C. Vail went to Newark Monday noon to attend to some business matters.

Miss Amy Welker of Mt. Vernon, spent Sunday in Gambler, the guest of relatives and friends.

Come! Come! Attend the administrator sale for bargains at Back's furniture store, West Gambler St. if Mr. O. Ransom went to Newark on Monday noon to transact some business matters.

Miss Meretta Porter of Mt. Vernon is spending several days in Danville, the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Ethel Van Horn of Brink Haven spent Sunday in Danville, the guest of relatives.

Mr. Clifford Shaw of Danville went to Columbus Monday to spend a week attending to some matters of business.

Mr. Odie Kaylor, who is attending college at Wooster, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kaylor of Danville.

The Misses Margaret and Sara Reynolds of Columbus spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guests of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Charles V. Critchfield and house guest, Miss Mary Evans of Hillsboro, went to Mansfield this morning to spend the day.

Mr. W. P. Bogardus went to Wheeling today where he will deliver an address tomorrow before the West Virginia Hardware Dealers' Association.

Miss Marie Rowley of Mt. Vernon, is ill with grip at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curry, 276 Elmwood avenue.—Newark American Tribune.

Miss Eva Lippett of East Chestnut street left Monday morning for Pittsburgh, where she will spend several days, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. Frank A. Brendel of McKeesport, Pa., spent Monday in Mt. Vernon the guest of his father, Mr. S. C. Brendel.

Mr. Ensel Sliger of Columbus has returned to his home after a several days' visit with friends and relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Miss Mattie McCoy has returned to her home on East Chestnut street after several days' visit with friends and relatives in Tiffin, Ohio.

Mrs. W. B. McCoy of East Chestnut street went to Martinsburg Monday morning to spend two weeks with her husband who is employed in that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lockwood left Monday morning for Wauconda, Ia., where they will remain for several weeks.

Mrs. Lucile Watson left Monday morning for her home in Flint, Mich., after a several days' visit in Gambler with relatives and friends.

Judge Frank O. Levering is in Pittsburgh, Pa., on business.

Mr. Fred Wooster left Sunday morning for Pittsburgh, Pa., on business.

Mr. Frank Turner was a visitor in Columbus Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Norrick of Fredericktown spent Monday in Mt. Vernon, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brereton of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Gambler, the guest of friends.

Humane Officer Lybarger went to Brink Haven Monday morning to attend to some official business.

Mr. Riley Levering went to Brink Haven Monday morning to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Walker of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Gambler, the guests of friends and relatives.

Mr. E. D. Rinehart of Gambler went to Akron Monday morning to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. Jay Kelier is confined to his home in Sparta by a severe attack of illness.

Hon. S. R. Gotshall returned to Columbus today after spending Sunday in the city with his family.

Mr. Dewitt Spitzer returned to Columbus this afternoon after spending Sunday with relatives in the city.

Mr. Walter Porter, who has been spending several days in the city, left this afternoon for West Virginia.

Mr. John Harper, who has been visiting relatives here for several weeks, returned to Dunkirk, New York, today.

Rev. F. H. Huntsberger of East Chestnut street left Monday morning for Ashland to attend to some business matters.

Rev. Marsh of Canton of the State Anti-Saloon League delivered an address in Chesterville Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Rev. Bascomb Jones of Cheser-ville Presbyterian church has begun a three weeks' revival in the Waterford Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J. B. Long returned to her home near Danville Monday morning after spending Sunday with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Charles Sapp of Kenova, West Virginia, has returned after a several days' visit in Gambler with relatives and friends.

N. McNeal of Third Ave., who has purchased an automobile, will use same for livery purposes, making trips for 10 cents.

George Washington hatches in brick ice cream for Washington birthday parties or receptions, 40c per quart brick or \$1.50 per gallon. Purity ice cream factory.

Dr. S. E. DeSeley was severely burned on the left hand this morning when some gasoline ignited. The little and ring fingers were badly burned.

Mr. William A. Porter of North Gay street underwent an operation at his home this morning, the operation being performed by the Drs. Deeley.

The Rt. Rev. William A. Leonard, D. D., Bishop of Ohio, of Cleveland, is spending the week in Gambler delivering lectures and attending the Bedell lectures.

Mr. William Passmore of Columbus, formerly of this city, has accepted a position as salesman for the Columbus Rubber company. Mr. Passmore will cover the Northeastern part of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell, formerly of this city, have returned from Youngstown and will again reside in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Campbell will accept a position at the C. A. & C. shops.

Mr. J. H. Johnson, National Cash Register salesman for Mr. George C. Vail, spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon the guest of friends. Mr. Johnson is the Columbus salesman.

The last series of the games between the old and young bowlers of the city will be rolled on the Plaza alleys this evening. This series will decide which will entertain the other with a supper.

Mr. W. O. Korna of Gambler has purchased a fine dark chestnut colored Belgian stallion, which weighs 2000 pounds. It is one of the finest horses that has been seen in Gambler for a long time.

Mr. Michael Smithsler and daughter, Myrtle, of North Braddock street, spent Sunday in Columbus with Mrs. Smithsler, who is at the St. Anthony hospital. She is doing very nicely after the recent operation.

Mr. Harvey J. Moore, of Vogel's minstrels, is spending several days at his home in Mt. Vernon. He was forced to take a two weeks' vacation in order to recover from throat trouble which has been a source of much bother and inconvenience for some time.

### JURY DISCHARGED

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14.—The jury in the lapid case involving the name of Congressman Blinger Hermann, was discharged today, being unable to agree on a verdict.

For Peter's appetite try baking powder made of Gold Medal Flour. MAMA

## FREDERICKTOWN.

Mr. Harry Castner of Amella, O., arrived here on Thursday to visit his mother and sister who have been in poor health. Mr. Castner was formerly a typo in the Free Press office, but is now engaged in farming at the above place which is located near Cincinnati. He returned home on Tuesday of this week.

If this kind of winter weather continues much longer, Fredericktown better invest in an automobile snow plow. The sidewalks were completely blocked for several days the past week and the feeble endeavors of individual property holders to keep a passage clear in front of their premises were not very lasting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Meiser of Sparta were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Earl Hicks, in this place the past week.

Mrs. Anna Bishop and son visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ball, the past week.

Mrs. Hattie Kline has been seriously ill the past week.

Mrs. Rahael Davison of Utica visited her sister, Mrs. Linda Jenkins, the past week.

Mr. James Rankin died very suddenly at his home in Fredericktown on Saturday, February 12, at 3 p. m., at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thos. Hamby at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 2:30 and burial made in Forest cemetery. The deceased was never married, but leaves five nephews and several nieces.

Miss Edith McCausland has gone to Marion to spend the winter with her sister.

Mrs. Orin Buckmaster of this place visited at the home of Mr. W. J. Buckmaster in Sparta the past week.

Miss Hazel Wilson, Miss Barre, Mrs. W. J. Buckmaster, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barre, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Throckmorton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Denman, near this place, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Askins visited the latter's brother in Columbus last week.

Wm. V. Mast of Canton, was a Fredericktown visitor last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitford of Mt. Vernon, Mr. Harry Whitford and sister, Miss Hattie, attended the funeral of their uncle in this place on Monday.

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## CENTERBURG.

E. R. Brown attended the dedication of the new K. of C. hall at Beville last week.

Mrs. F. S. Shinaberry visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gearhart of Bangs, Friday.

Mrs. A. H. Buck is visiting friends in Westerville.

Hoy Russel of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with his cousin, Miss Ruth Jacobs.

Mrs. Hazel Leatherman of Granville has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Williams.

Paul Annot visited Orlando Bird and family of Mt. Liberty the former part of the week.

Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, Ellen Duncanson, Lewis Litzburg and C. Oliver spent Wednesday with Mary L. Barker of Croton.

W. L. Lewis has purchased the A. H. Wright property on Creston st.

Miss Helen Nazor who has been the guest of R. E. Baker and family, returned to her home in Danville, Wednesday.

Mrs. T. B. Mann of Columbus is visiting in the home of Mrs. J. M. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Mann will move to Centerburg in the spring, as Mr. Mann has been appointed T. & O. C. section foreman here.

James Hill, who has been ill with grip is now able to be about.

### MARCH 25-26

Laymen's Missionary Movement Convention To Be Held Here

The co-operative committee of the Laymen's Missionary movement, for Knox county met at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon and heard reports from the committees appointed a week ago.

It was determined to hold the county convention Thursday and Friday March 24 and 25. The convention will be run on the same lines as the large conventions and will open with a banquet in K. of P. armory hall. It was determined to get the very strongest speakers in the state and county for this convention and to make it one that will be a great inspiration to the entire county. Every effort will be made to inform all parts of the county of the meeting and to get large numbers from each church to come up to the convention.

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## FOUR

Bids Received For Deposit Of The City Funds

Four bids for the deposit of the city funds have been received by City Auditor Dorgan and will be opened at the meeting of the city council this evening. The four banks bidding for the deposit of the city funds are the New Knox National, The Guaranty Savings Bank and Trust Co., The Knox County Savings Bank, all of this city and the First National Bank of Fredericktown.

## UNUSAL

Event In The Lives Of A Millersburg Couple

Millersburg, O., Feb. 14.—An event that very seldom occurs with married couples has just taken place here, and this was the celebrating of the 66th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cherryholmes, of this place.

Mr. Cherryholmes is nearly 90 years of age and his wife five years younger, and they were married February 8, 1844, and have always resided in Millersburg, where Mr. Cherryholmes was engaged in active business from early in the forties up until old age forbade him the work incident to active business life.

In speaking of his life, Mr. Cherryholmes said he came here in 1842, on horseback and that when he married in 1844 they made no wedding trip, for two reasons; one was a "lack of funds" and the other was "bad roads," which prevented walking. Mr. Cherryholmes is an ardent Democrat and cast his first vote for Polk in 1844.

He served two terms as county treasurer and was appointed a trustee of the Deaf and Dumb school by Governor Hoadly and reappointed by Governor Foster. Both are active for people of their years. When they celebrated their golden wedding, 16 years ago, they could not have been made believe that they would celebrate 16 more anniversaries, but such is the case.

They are both severe in their denunciations of so many who hold such slight reverence for the marriage relations and are astounded that there is one divorce to about eight marriages.

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## OBITUARY

Mrs. S. C. Dickinson

Mr. C. F. Colville received a telegram Saturday afternoon stating that Mrs. S. C. Dickinson, wife of the former pastor of the Congregational church of this city, died at her home in Eaton, Colo., after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Rev. S. C. Dickinson will arrive in Mt. Vernon with the remains Wednesday evening on the B. & O. train due in Mt. Vernon at 7:23 o'clock. The remains will be taken to the home of Miss Julia Turner at 500 North Main st. The funeral Thursday afternoon at the Congregational church at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Elwell O. Mead officiating. Interment in Mount View cemetery.

Mrs. D. L. Thompson

Mrs. Demetrius E. Thompson died at her home in Eskridge Tuesday night. She was 80 years old. The funeral services were held at the residence this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock.

Lucinda G. Stigers was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 27, 1834. She was married to Demetrius E. Thompson Oct. 30, 1853. Eight children were born to them, Joseph R., Mark W., Thomas A., Mary A., Warren E., Anette F., Lewis E. and Horace C. The first three named are dead.

Mrs. Thompson came to Leavenworth, Kan., in 1854, moving to Eskridge in 1880. She had been ill only ten days.—Eskridge (Kan.) Tribune-Star.

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